

What kind of leadership do you want from your State Representative?



"Dawn has a special gift of relating to persons who are sometimes forgotten. She would provide a strong voice for Framingham and its residents."

- Former State Rep. Barbara Gray

A leader who is always there and working for you

- Dawn has a 100% attendance record at Town Meeting.

A leader who is transparent

- Dawn consistently supports measures to make Town Meeting members' votes public.

A leader who stands up for seniors

- Dawn helped make it easier for seniors to take advantage of tax relief while protecting their privacy.

A leader who looks to the future to anticipate problems and find long-term solutions

- Dawn founded and chairs the Greener Framingham Committee, a group of residents, representatives from Framingham Public schools and businesses like Staples, Genzyme and MetroWest Medical Center who work together to make the town more energy efficient.

A leader who supports education and recreation programs in the community

- Dawn consistently supports the Framingham Public Schools at Town Meeting.
- Dawn spoke publicly for and voted for the Bowdich Field renovations.

A leader who listens

- Dawn knocked on over 2,500 doors this summer. She listened as you shared your concerns about health care, taxes, education, economic development and the environment. She will be your voice on Beacon Hill.



"Even if you are at opposite ends of an issue, Dawn will listen and walk a mile in her opponent's shoes in order to understand their point of view."

- Human Relations Commissioner Laura Medrano



Pam Richardson voted **AGAINST** making it easier for people to know what their legislators are "up to" on Beacon Hill. First she voted **AGAINST** requiring that committee votes be posted on the Legislature's website. Then she voted **AGAINST** requiring that legislators be required to publicly vote "yes" or "no," on all proposed tax hikes and reductions.

(Source: Official Journal of the House, February 15, 2007, roll call #16 and January 23, 2007, roll call #13)

Pam Richardson had one of the **TEN WORST** roll call attendance records in the entire 160-member House of Representatives in 2007. She missed crucial votes on providing funding for programs to help seniors live independently at home instead of a nursing home and to enforce anti-pollution laws.

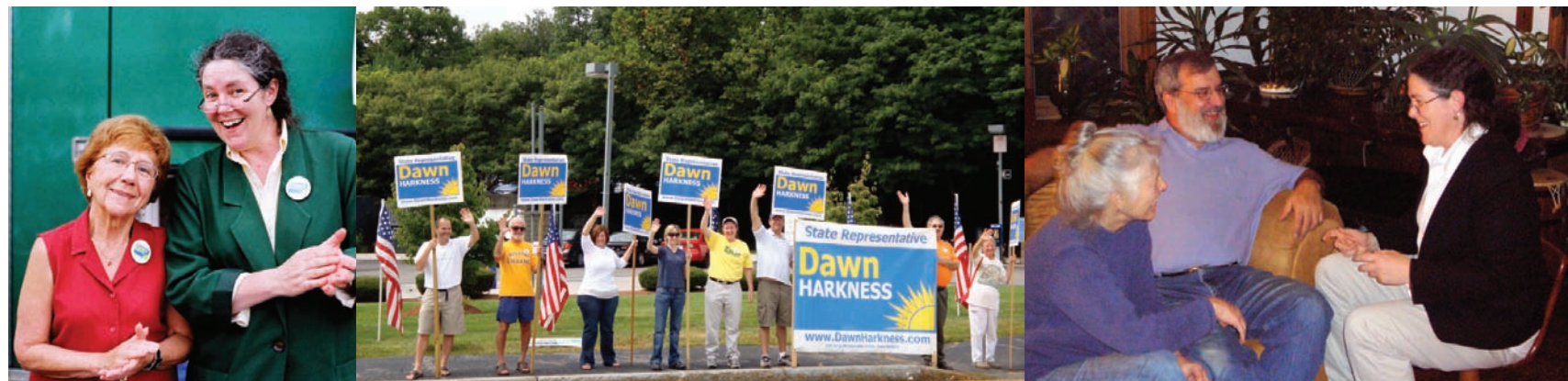
(Source: Official "Yeas" and "Nays" of the House, January 3, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and Official Journal of the House, September 18, 2007, roll calls #140 and #155)

Pam Richardson follows the House leadership, even when it's not in Framingham's best interest. She voted **100%** of the time with Speaker Sal DiMasi in 2007 and **98%** in 2008.

(Source: Official "Yeas" and "Nays" of the House, January 3, 2007 through September 5, 2008)

Chris Walsh's attendance at Town Meeting was **46%** in 2006 and **52%** in 2007.

(Source: Town of Framingham Annual Report 2006 and 2007)



Pam Richardson voted **AGAINST** a \$15 million proposal, including \$125,000 for Framingham, to improve our children's education including much needed funding for computers and textbooks.

(Source: Official Journal of the House, April 24, 2007, roll call #62)

Pam Richardson voted **AGAINST** tax relief for seniors, including **AGAINST** allowing Framingham to increase the property tax abatement for struggling seniors from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and **AGAINST** making more seniors eligible for the higher abatement.

(Source: Official Journal of the House, April 23, 2007, roll call #52 and July 29, 2008, roll call #469)

A Strong Voice for Framingham - Elect Dawn Harkness - Democrat for State Representative